

**LISTING OF CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A gaming apparatus comprising:

a variable display unit configured to variably display a plurality of symbols;

a front side display unit, which is located in front of the variable display unit, ~~and~~ configured to display a prescribed image and to enable viewing of the symbols displayed by the variable display unit;

a concealing unit located between the variable display unit and the front side display unit and configured to temporarily conceal the display of the variable display unit during a progression of a game;

an internally winning prize determiner configured to determine an internally winning prize;

a stopping controller configured to stop the varying of display of the variable display unit based on a result of determination by the internally winning prize determiner; and wherein,

a prize is awarded if a stopped state displayed on the variable display unit, which is caused by the stopping controller, matches a prescribed stopped state.

2. (Original) A gaming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the concealing unit comprises a shutter which can conceal an arbitrary position.

3. (Original) A gaming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the concealing unit comprises a shutter which can conceal a prescribed position.

4. (Original) A gaming apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the shutter comprises a non-transparent sheet which is slidable.

5. (Original) A gaming apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the shutter comprises a panel configured by a liquid crystal display or a transparent electronic luminescent display.

6. (Original) A gaming apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the shutter comprises a non-transparent sheet which is slidable.

7. (Original) A gaming apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the shutter comprises a panel configured by a liquid crystal display or a transparent electronic luminescent display.

8. (Original) A gaming apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a plurality of stoppers configured to stop the varying of display of the variable display unit.

9. (New) A gaming apparatus according to Claim 4, wherein the non-transparent sheet has at least an area entirely covering a rear side of the front side display unit and an area having a hole of a prescribed shape.

10. (New) A gaming apparatus according to Claim 6, wherein the non-transparent sheet has at least an area entirely covering a rear side of the front side display unit and an area having a hole of a prescribed shape.

11. (New) A gaming apparatus according to Claim 4, wherein the non-transparent sheet is adapted to roll upward and downward over a certain area corresponding to the front side display unit.

12. (New) A gaming apparatus according to Claim 6, wherein the non-transparent sheet is adapted to roll upward and downward over a certain area corresponding to the front side display unit.

13. (New) A gaming apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the concealing unit is adapted to conceal the symbols displayed by the variable display unit at a rear of the prescribed image.

14. (New) A gaming apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the prescribed image notifies that the internally winning prize is awarded.